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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**
472 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720

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CERTIFICATE 1514

Pursuant to Chapter 40C of the General Laws of Massachusetts and the Historic Districts Bylaw of the Town of Acton, the Acton Historic District Commission hereby issues a

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

For the work described in the Application of the same number.

Applicant (or owner) Robert Trombly

Telephone 617 448 9148

Address 96 Main Street Email btrombly@aol.com

Location of Work 96 Main Street District: Center ___ West ___ South X___

Description of Proposed work:

Installation of a dry laid field stone wall no higher than 30 inches to encapsulate the existing granite posts in front of the house.

Findings:

- The house is very close to the street increasing the risk of it being struck by an automobile in an accident.
- Installing a guard rail in front of the house in the right of way would be inappropriate in the historic district.
- The lot line is closer to the house than the street such that building the wall out of the right of way would appear awkward.
- There are stone walls in the right of way in other locations in the town, for example Taylor road.
- Building the wall over the existing granite post fences is the most appropriate location.

Recommendations:

- Use mason line to experiment with a height of 26", 28" and 30" to see if a lower height would look better.
- Consider leaving the front of the existing granite posts exposed to show the original historic fence posts and add some quirkiness.

Conditions:

- Get permission from the town to build the wall in the right of way.

When completed, the work outlined above must conform in all particulars to the Application approved on June 10, 2015. The applicant may proceed with the proposed work provided all other approvals have been obtained, including a Building Permit where required. This Certificate is valid for work commenced within one year of the date of issuance. An extension or renewal of the Certificate may be granted at the discretion of the commission. If a property changes ownership during the time the Certificate is in force, a new owner who wishes to continue the authorized work must apply to have a new Certificate issued in his or her own name.

Application received May 15, 2015 Date of Public Hearing N. A.

Certificate approved by Ron Regan Date June 19, 2015

for Historic District Commission

Copies to: Applicant, Building Commissioner, Town Clerk, HDC File